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**Question for written answer E-003971/25
to the Commission**

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Subject: UN COP30 Climate Change Conference and EU badges

As in previous years, media reports and scientific evidence indicate that thousands of lobbyists associated with the fossil fuel industry attended the UN COP29 Climate Change Conference ⁽¹⁾. In response, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change has published a new ‘observer handbook for COP 30’, which requires observers/non-party stakeholders either to disclose their sources of funding or to declare their alignment with the Paris Agreement. However, this is optional and does not apply to country or bloc delegations ⁽²⁾.

With reference to written priority Question P-002174/2024 ⁽³⁾ (Rule 144) and Commissioner Hoekstra’s reply ⁽⁴⁾, the undersigned Members would like to ask the Commission the following:

1. How many badges for COP30 have been allocated to the Commission by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat in total?
2. Of these, how many are for representatives of EU institutions, agencies and contractual staff, and how many have been issued to observers or non-party stakeholders?
3. Among the badges issued to observers or non-party stakeholders, how many have been granted to organisations or individuals with direct or indirect financial links to the fossil fuel, oil, gas, or petrochemical sectors, and which entities are concerned?

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Answer given by Mr Hoekstra on behalf of the European Commission
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The delegation of the EU to the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30) in Belém is composed of 125 representatives and official staff of EU institutions and bodies, amongst which 53 representants of the Commission and 39 representants of the European Parliament.

The delegation also includes six technical contractors strictly for audiovisual support (three hired by the Commission and three hired by the European Parliament). By definition, the EU as a Party is not including in its delegation non-Party stakeholders.

It should be noted that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat gives the liberty to each Party and Observer to nominate the representants of its delegation and does not allocate a fixed quota of accreditations to any Party delegation, including to that of the EU.

The UNFCCC Secretariat published the list of participants accredited under each Party and Observer organisation, including the EU on 10 November 2025 ⁽¹⁾.

The Commission will continue, in all its engagements with the UNFCCC Secretariat, Parties and stakeholders, to maintain transparency and inclusiveness in the UNFCCC process while ensuring the integrity of EU participation in line with the Paris Agreement and the EU’s climate objectives.

¹ <https://corporateeurope.org/en/2024/11/fossil-fuel-lobbyists-eclipse-delegations-most-climate-vulnerable-nations-cop29-climate>.

² <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/conferences/the-big-picture/changes-to-the-registration-system-and-process>.

³ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-10-2024-002174_EN.html

⁴ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-10-2024-002174-ASW_EN.html

⁽¹⁾ <https://unfccc.int/documents/653224>.